

1. The auction sale will commence at 2 P.M. and, if it is not concluded on the same day, will be continued on the next following day.

2. Defaulters on account of previous leases will not be permitted to bid.

3. Intending bidders must be in possession of a certificate from the Amildar of the taluk in which they reside, vouching for their solvency. No person will be allowed to bid in the absence of such certificate.

4. No person will be allowed to bid unless he has deposited with the officer holding the sale a sum of Rs. 10 which must be deposited in the form of currency notes. The deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be returned immediately after the sale.

5. The exclusive right of collecting and removing the produce above described will be disposed of to the highest bidder, subject to the confirmation of the District Forest Officer or the Conservator of Forests as the case may be, who at his discretion may accept or reject the highest or any other bid without assigning any reason therefor.

6. The successful bidder shall, at the close of the sale, credit into the District Treasury or in any Taluk Treasury the entire sale amount, including the deposit already made, together with local cess at one anna per rupee and railway cess at three pies per rupee. In default, the deposit will be forfeited and the right resold. Such resale will be at the risk of the defaulting purchaser, who will be liable to make good any loss that may result to Government by it, but will not participate in any profit accruing therefrom.

N. B.—If the deficit be not paid, it will be recovered as a revenue demand.

7. If the sale is not confirmed the amount paid will be refunded.

8. The accepted bidder shall execute an agreement within fifteen days of the intimation of the confirmation of the sale binding himself to observe the conditions hereunder mentioned. In default, the acceptance of the bid will be revoked, the money already paid forfeited and the right resold.

Further conditions to be entered in the agreement are—

- (a) The lessee shall hold himself responsible for the cutting or injuring of any other trees on the plea of collecting the produce. The lessee shall be held personally responsible for the acts of his agents or servants.
- (b) The lessee shall furnish a list of sub-contractors, agents or servants who may be appointed by him for the collection of the produce.
- (c) The lessee shall work out the lease himself and not transfer or sub-let it to others without the previous sanction of the District Forest Officer, or the Conservator of Forests.
- (d) The coolies employed by the lessee must take permission from the Range Officers before they enter State Forests.
- (e) The lessee shall keep and render accounts every month to the District Forest Officer, of the produce collected and removed by him or his agents during the month. His accounts will be liable for the inspection of the Conservator of Forests or District Forest Officer or by any other officer deputed by either of them.
- (f) The lessee, his agents or servants shall render all possible help in preventing the occurrence of fires in forests in which he or they may be working and render prompt assistance in extinguishing such fires as may break out accidentally.
- (g) The lessee shall remove out of the limits of the forest all produce collected and sold under the terms of the lease before the close of official year.
- (h) Neither the lessee nor his servants shall enter the State Forests either before sunrise or after sunset.

9. In the event of the breach of any of the above conditions, the lease will be liable to be cancelled and the lessee fined to the extent of Rs. 100 which will be recovered as an arrear of revenue demand.

H. S. NARAYANA RAO,
District Forest Officer.

HASSAN DISTRICT.

Notification dated 31st August 1923.

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the right of collecting and carting Sandalwood to

1. Hassan
2. Alur Sub-Taluk
3. Manjarabad
4. Belur

5. Arsibere
6. Channarayana
7. Hole-Narsipur
8. Arkalgud

Sandal Koti at Hassan, from each of the marginally noted taluks separately of the Hassan District for the year 1923-24.

Tenders will be received up to the 28th September 1923 and opened on that date at 1 P.M. at the District Forest Office, Hassan.

2. Tenders must be superscribed "Tender for the collection of Sandal" and must be addressed to the District Forest Officer, Hassan.

3. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 50 in currency notes. The deposits of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned.

4. The address of each tenderer should be given in full in the tender.

5. Each tender must clearly specify the rate for one ton (calculated as per rules in force) of sandalwood uprooted, collected and roughly prepared and also the rate for carting one ton of such wood at so much for one jungle mile and one mile road separately at which he would undertake to execute the works.

6. The collection should proceed by hobbles not more than two hobbles being taken up at a time.

7. Before commencing the work in any hobli or part of a taluk due intimation should be given to the Amildar and the Forest Ranger who will issue the necessary orders to the Patels concerned.

8. The successful tenderers will be required to execute an agreement on a stamped paper the terms of which are given below :—

(a) The collection and uprootal of Sandalwood is restricted to only dry standing and dead fallen trees and also old stumps or roots, if any, left in the ground in all the State Forests, District Forests, Amrut Mahal kavals, Revenue kavals, Gomal, Village-sites, Gundu-topu, Assessed and Unassessed Waste lands and to such Inam, Jodi, Kayamgutta and Sarvamanya villages of which the holders are not entitled to the Sandalwood either by sunnads or judicial decrees.

(b) All trees must be properly uprooted leaving no pieces of roots containing any quantity of heartwood in the ground.

(c) The trees should not be cut into billets, but when the tree is very long it may be sawn with a saw into two pieces or more according to the circumstances so as to be conveniently carried in a cart.

(d) All earth must be removed from the trees. After uprooting the tree, the bark and whitewood surrounding the heartwood should be carefully removed with the adze and hatchet as far as can be done without wasting any heartwood.

(e) In no case is the whitewood left on the tree to be more than one-fourth of an inch in thickness, but every care should be taken to remove as much of the whitewood as possible so as to economise the carting and koti preparation charges.

(f) The sandal so collected must be carted to the Sandal Koti then and there as far as possible but when unavoidably delayed for want of carts or on account of heavy rains, etc., they should be made over to (1) the Patel of the village near which it is collected, and (2) if it is collected in a State Forest to the Forester or the Beat Gaurd in charge of the State Forest as the case may be.

(g) In case the sandal so collected is damaged by fire or stolen the loss sustained by the Government in that behalf has to be borne by the contractor himself which will be recoverable as an arrear of land revenue.

(h) Every consignment of sandal sent to the koti must be covered by a pass-port issued by the Range Forest Officer.

(i) Dead sandal trees fallen or standing on assessed occupied lands should be felled only if they are marked by the Range Officer beforehand.

(j) The branches and top-pieces containing heartwood of the trees felled should also be roughly dressed as aforesaid and sent to koti. Pieces containing heartwood should under no circumstances be left uncollected.

(k) The successful tenderer should deposit in Government Savings Bank Rs. 200 towards the fulfilment of the terms of his contract. The contract should not be sublet.

9. The final acceptance of the tender rests with the District Forest Officer who reserves to himself the right to reject the lowest or any tender without assigning any reason therefor.

10. The cost of collection and rough preparation and carting charges will be paid by the Forest Ranger on the quantity of wood specified in the koti receipt granted by the officer in charge of the Sandal Koti.

11. In the event of the breach of any of the conditions specified in para 8 *supra*, the District Forest Officer is competent to impose a reasonable fine and deduct the same either out of the collection charges or the deposit amount and cancel his contract or to take necessary legal action for the recovery of the amount of loss to Government from the contractor as if it were a revenue demand.

L. P. MASCARENHAS,
District Forest Officer.